



## ITIM Newsletter

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### Dear Friends,

While the financial crisis begins to spread to Israel, ITIM continues to provide an important service to its ever growing client base. Every month, more than 800 individuals turn to ITIM for help and support in their experience of Jewish life, and another 18,000 visit our website.



In these difficult times, we count on our supporters more than ever to support our activities. Please consider contributing to the future of Jewish life in Israel.

To send tax-deductible donations to ITIM, please [click here](#).

Sincerely,  
Rabbi Seth Farber, Director  
Rivi Bin Noon, COO

### Comments... Questions...

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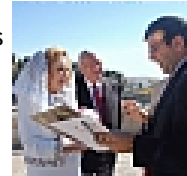
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### It's Never too Late For Love

For more than a year, ITIM has been helping couples from overseas have their weddings performed in Israel. But in mid-November, ITIM performed a unique wedding as Harold Baungarten, an 86 year old resident of Tucson Arizona married his wife Bryna in Jerusalem. "We knew we wanted to start our married life in Israel," said the couple following the ceremony. By enabling couples from overseas to be married officially in Israel, ITIM hopes to create greater bonds between the Diaspora and the State.



To read more about the wedding, [click here](#).  
To read about registering from overseas, [click here](#).

### Conversion Chaos Continues

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ITIM's efforts to help individuals navigating the conversion system in Israel continue to be effective, though the national conversion authority has not been reconstituted, despite an Israeli cabinet decision to do so. In the past month, ITIM has helped more than two hundred perspective converts find their way through the labyrinths of Israeli conversion. In addition, ITIM continues in its efforts to keep conversion in the national dialogue.



To read Rabbi Farber's recent op-ed regarding conversion from the Jerusalem Post, [click here](#).

### ITIM's Drasha Project Holds an In Service day for Tens of Educators

On November 16, ITIM's educational staff sponsored an in-service day for more than 30 educators around Israel. The day, held in Herzlia, was meant to expose educators to the ITIM Drasha project – sponsored by the Legacy Heritage Fund, and to



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explore new ways of implementing Torah study within Israeli public schools. "The day was a resounding success" says Rabbi Seth Farber, director of ITIM. "Our goal is to empower educators to develop their own resources to challenge their students." At present, more than 160 schools around Israel are implementing the Drasha project.

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